

TOPEKANS FINANCE IT

Thomas Page and T. W. Everett Behind Interurban Project in Southeastern Kansas.

Kansas is to have a new interurban railway if the public utilities commission approve an application for a \$1,360,000 gold bond issue by the Kansas Southern Traction company. Twenty miles of road will be built from Oswego to Coffeyville, and from Parsons to Coffeyville, according to statements of interurban officials. Topeka men will help finance the project.

The state charter board today approved the charter of the new interurban railway and immediately application was made to the utilities commission for a permit to do business and to issue first mortgage gold bonds. Philip Strack, former Indianapolis millionaire, is at the head of the project and today told the public utilities commission that he proposed to start work at once.

"The bonds have already been subscribed for," said Strack, "and will be disposed of as soon as the issue is approved."

Two Topeka men are among the incorporators of the traction company. They are Thomas M. Page, and Thomas W. Everett. Theodore Ritzo and Dominic Corti, both of Kansas City, Mo., are interested in the new electric line.

According to the plan outlined in the applications for a charter and a bond permit, the main line of the interurban will be built from Parsons through the towns of Alton, Edna and Valeda to Coffeyville through Labette and Montgomery counties. A branch line of the road will be built from Oswego to Columbus.

The \$1,360,000 bond issue is for a term of ten years. The bonds are to be sold at not less than 99 and are to be secured by a first mortgage lien on the property and holdings of the company. Plans of the incorporators are for completion of the road next year.

PORTER WON'T TRADE

Park Commissioner Refuses to Exchange Water for Milk With O. E. Walker.

Topeka declines to trade water for milk. And that is the cause of contention between O. E. Walker, who lives near Gage park, and W. L. Porter, commissioner of parks. Walker owes the park department water for the water used by him for use at the park for some time also. He has a bill of about \$50, but he has not presented it for payment, according to city officials. Commissioner Porter is responsible to the City Water company for the water used by his department, consequently responsible for the water used by Mr. Walker.

The Walker water bill remained unpaid month after month and this morning Porter ordered the service cut off. "We'll pay you for your milk when you bring in the bill and we'll turn on the water when the water bill is paid," said Porter to Mr. Walker over the telephone this morning.

GOMPERS FOR DEFENSE

Asks President to Name Labor Man To Commission on Mobilization in United States.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, today urged President Wilson that organized labor was ready to give its support to the defense of the nation and should be allowed a voice in making preparations.

Mr. Gompers asked the president to appoint a representative of labor to the commission he has named to confer with army and navy officials on the mobilization of the nation's resources. The president said he would consider the suggestion carefully.

INTO DISABLED VESSEL

No Unnatural Causes for Disablement of Limer Minnesota Found. But Inspector Will Look Further.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—No natural causes for the disablement of the Great Northern liner Minnesota have been found, according to Captain Joseph Dolan, United States inspector of steam boilers, who resumed today his inspection of the vessel's power plant.

He ordered all fires drawn last night when a federal inquiry was begun aboard the Minnesota by John W. Preston, United States district attorney.

Inspector Dolan said he would enter the boilers as soon as they cooled, which probably would be late tonight.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses have been issued from the office of Hugh MacFarland, probate judge:

Charles E. Pettinier, age 25, Blaine, and Ruth H. Hurton, age 22, Blaine. Issued by J. W. Hanger, clerk of the probate court, at 11 o'clock.

Seek to Settle Belt Line Strike.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—An effort to adjust the differences between the Belt Railway company and its employees at Clearing, the big switching yards where much of the freight passing into Chicago is handled, was begun today by J. W. Hanger, clerk of the probate court, at 11 o'clock.

The federal board of mediation and conciliation. Six hundred men are on strike.

Hopewell Not Set on Fire.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Preliminary reports from the department of justice agents who investigated the recent conflagration at Hopewell, Va., indicate that it was not the work of an incendiary and practically disposed of the matter so far as the department is concerned.

MRS. RHODES WRITES

She Wants the Civil Service Examination for Police Court Clerk Held All Over.

Mrs. Howard Rhodes, chairman of the city civil service commission, today sent the following letter to every member of the city commission:

"The disagreement regarding the recent civil service examination has doubtless come to your attention. The conduct of the examination was not regular nor would it bear very careful scrutiny. Furthermore, on last Thursday evening Mayor House positively told me in the presence of a friend that the recent examination was illegal. Yet when it went his way he accepted the result of that examination and recommended an appointment therefrom. Obviously the two attitudes are antagonistic. I did not urge my point before because at times it is interesting to note just to what lengths individuals will go without compulsion.

"Because of the laws you have sworn to obey and to fulfill as well, because of the importance of retaining your own self respect, I, as chairman of the civil service commission, respectfully request a repetition of the examination for police court clerk. Trusting that you will give this matter your serious consideration. I am very truly, 'MRS. HOWARD RHODES.'"

SAFE PASS TO BOY-ED

German Attacks Will Be Allowed to Go Unmolested; No Word About Successors.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The British embassy received today from London authorization to issue safe conduct to Captains Boy-Ed and Von Pappen, the withdrawn German naval and military attaches.

The safe conducts will be unconditional, it having been decided by the allies not to require the officers to give assurances that they will refrain from participation in the war after reaching Germany. Issuance of safe conduct to their successors has not yet been considered. No request has been made.

Pair to Sail Tuesday Next.

New York, Dec. 15.—Captains Boy-Ed and von Pappen will leave New York, leaving a change in their plans, on Tuesday, next, on the Holland-American liner Noordam. This was learned authoritatively today, although officials of the line declined to discuss the matter.

THIS IS LAST DAY

Rush at City Hall to Close up Petitions for Next Year's Paying in Topeka.

Today is the last day for the filing of paving petitions for next year's paving. There has been a rush to get them in the hands of the city clerk. The indications are that while no great stretches of paving are to be put down next year, there will be a great deal of connecting-up. Short stretches will be laid here and there over the city, connecting-up streets already paved.

The petitions filed today call for paving as follows: From Fillmore to Central park. Garfield from Ninth to Eighth. Jewett from Second to Third. Eighth from Morris to Summit. Sixteenth from Jewett to Platte. Madison from Eleventh to Twelfth. Lafayette from Fourth to Sixth. Courtland from Ashland to Grove. Broadmoor from Ashland to Grove.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS.

James C. Dinnen, age 60, a pioneer resident of Kansas, died at 2 o'clock this morning at his home two miles west of Newman. He was president of the Farmers' State bank of Perry and a stockholder in the German-American bank of Topeka. Mr. Dinnen is survived by two sons, Victor and James Dinnen, and one daughter, Dinnen. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at the Catholic church in Newman. Interment in Newman cemetery.

John E. Kerker, age 70, died today at his home, 701 Lindwood avenue. Arrangements for the funeral will be made later.

Mrs. Hattie Ward, age 54, died Tuesday night at 12:21 p.m. at her home, 2121 E. 12th street. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon at Shell-barger's chapel. Interment in Mount Auburn cemetery.

Benjamin Powell, colored, age 81, died Monday at a local hospital. Arrangements for the funeral will be made later.

The funeral of Mrs. Roxanna Lytle was held this afternoon at St. John's M. E. church in charge of Pearly Rose, ex-burial No. 77. Interment in Mount Auburn cemetery.

LOCAL MENTION.

H. H. Raymond, foot specialist and orthopedic surgeon, former expert with John Woodbury of New York. Absolutely painless. 524 Madison. Phone 3960.—Adv.

Dr. J. W. Howard, dentist, 809 Kansas Ave., Phone 714.—Adv.

Glass and glazing, call 949. J. K. Jones Paint Co.—Adv.

Painless dental work at moderate prices at the White Dental Parlors, 809 Kansas Ave., Phone 714.—Adv.

For a popular priced suit or overcoat, made to measure, see Olet Ekberg, 705 Kansas Ave., 2nd floor.—Adv.

Suits and overcoats dry cleaned 75c. Topeka Laundry Co. Phone 2653.—Adv.

Xmas Framing, Coe's, 828 Kansas Ave.—Adv.

Dr. Charles Lyngard, dentist, 809 Kansas Ave., phone 714.—Adv.

Glass, Glazing and Paint. Miller & Gillespie, 833 K. A. Phone 955.—Adv.

Mirror Work. Coe's, 828 Kansas Ave.—Adv.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

LOST in west part of city bill book containing one check \$2.50; one check \$5 and some currency. Reward for return, 804 N. E. Blvd.

We Sell
Dove
Undermuslins



We Sell
American Lady
Corsets



Women's Warm Winter Coats

in all the new winter fabrics; warmth without weight; luxuriously fur trimmed. Black, navy, African brown, green and gray. Bolivia cloth, Salts plush, velour, cylinder cloth, duvetyne, diagonal, cheviot, boucle and pebble cheviot.

\$14.85 \$16.50 \$19.50 \$22.50
\$24.75 \$35.00 \$39.50 \$45.00

Bath Robes

The assortment of these robes surpasses anything we have ever shown in this line—the quality is positively the best—the patterns are good looking and the prices are surprisingly low. One of these robes would make a very practical and acceptable gift. They are beautifully made of Beacon Blanket Robes. They may be seen here in every conceivable color. Most of them are made with girlish side pockets. Many are trimmed with satin—

\$2.50, \$3.50, \$5, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$8.50 and \$10.00

Fur Muffs

Of every description are here on display. There has never before been a season when furs and fur trimmings have been so popular. Nearly every suit or coat is trimmed with fur and demands a muff to match. Our assortment is most complete, includes all popular and fashionable furs. Coney Muffs, both black and brown, \$1.95 to \$7.50. Natural Muffs at \$5.95 to \$12.50. Brook Mink Muffs, both blended and natural \$3.95 to \$5.95 to \$25.00. Cat Lynx \$10.00 to \$19.50. Natural Wolf \$12.50 to \$22.50. Natural Linceon \$10.00 to \$22.50. Natural Red Fox \$12.50 to \$22.50. Near Seal at \$13.50. Hidden Seal at \$25 to \$35. Genuine Mink at \$37.50. Clivet Cat at \$15 to \$19.50. Russian Fitch \$25 to \$39.50. Black Opossum \$15 to \$19.50. Jap Mink \$10 to \$25. Genuine Mink \$59 to \$85. Black Fox \$15 to \$45. Black Lynx \$15 to \$25.50.

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Fur Sets

For Misses and Children And, as a result of this specialization, we have assembled a showing at once a comprehensive and very excellent assortment of the newest modes in these favored skins: Iceland Fox Muffin Squirrel Cat Opossum Brook Mink White Thibet Imitation Ermine

The prices are, as is moderate and the quality of the skins offered as well as the manner of making will be found to be of the best. \$1.50 to \$15.00

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ALVERSTONE DEAD

[Continued from Page One.] and with bitterness asserted, that the American government, in the arbitration only after it had reached an understanding that the American case should win, and that Alverstone was put forward to carry out the diplomatic bargain.

No confirmation of that theory has ever appeared, but Lord Alverstone was for months bitterly attacked by Canadians, particularly in the west, where it was thought that England, as in the case of the poultry boundary case years before, was giving up what she thought useless territory, but which Canadians knew to be rich, simply to placate America.

Previous to the Alaskan commission, Lord Alverstone, then Richard Evered Webster, rendered good service to this government as one of the British counsel before the Venezuela boundary commission, which met in Paris as a result of President Cleveland's famous war message.

Storm Breaks About Head. These were the pleasant incidents of his professional career. He had had one case at least that was far from pleasant. When attorney general in the conservative administration at the time, he appeared as leading counsel for the Times before the Farwell commission, and it fell to his lot to pick up the pieces after the break-down of Piott. The storm settled fiercely about the head of the counsel for the Times for weeks and for once Alverstone's remarkable physique showed signs of wear and tear.

Lord Alverstone, however, had done good work for his party and his country, was considered one of the leading lawyers of his time, and had a keen sympathy, acute knowledge of men and great insight into affairs, and a wide knowledge of his profession, all obtained by hard work. He was born on December 22, 1842. His father was Thomas Webster, Q. C., well known at Westminster, where he had a large practice, especially in patent cases.

Lord Alverstone was a widower. His wife died in 1875, and his only son in 1914, after an operation for appendicitis. There is no heir to the title.

BIRTHS REPORTED

The following birth certificates were filed with the city clerk today: To L. E. Euler and wife, 217 The Drive, December 5, a boy.

To Theodore R. Klenbacher, and wife, 1826 Lane street, December 14, a girl.

Women Who Are Wise Are Taking Quick Advantage

Of These Record Price Makings on Suits

Which offer to you, at a time when you will gladly accept them for your Holiday Trip, these handsomest of Winter Suits at prices which are unusually convincing to economical women. Divided into 4 price assortments as follows:

\$10.00 \$19.50
For Suits formerly selling at \$14.95 to \$19.50. For Suits formerly selling at \$25.50 to \$32.50.
\$14.85 \$24.75
For Suits formerly selling at \$22.50 to \$24.75. For Suits formerly selling at \$35.00 to \$39.50.

Gifts in the Baby Store

The tiny youngsters of the household—who do not yet know the spirit of Santa Claus—are better off at Christmas time with something practical in the way of appareling and the like. This Baby Store has an exceptional array of gift-things this year—every one of which is new in character and attractive in price.

Crocheted Jackets, 25c to \$2.50.
Knit Sweaters at 59c to \$3.95.
Knit Leggings at 59c to \$1.98.
Baby Mitts at 25c to 50c.
Knitted Booties at 25c to \$1.50.
Baby Bonnets at 35c to \$1.98 and up.
Silk and wool Veils, 25c to 98c.
Carriage Afghans, \$1 to \$3.95 and up.
Hand-painted Rattles, 25c to 98c.
Carriage Straps at \$1.25, \$1.50.
Brush and Comb Sets, 39c to \$1.98.
4-piece Toilet Sets \$1.50 to \$2.95.
Ribbon Armlets at 25c and 50c.
Fancy Ribbons in boxes, 75c and 98c.



Fancy Tea Aprons

make useful and appropriate gifts. You will find a splendid assortment here priced very reasonably at

25c to \$1.25

Dainty Holiday Blouses

In Christmas boxes. The newest ideas in waistdom. A dainty waist in a holly box makes a particularly acceptable gift. Priced at

\$1.95 to \$10.00

WILL FILE SUIT TODAY KEEP BIRDS APART

Parents of Suspended High School Girls Will Take Their Trouble Into the Courts.

[Continued from Page One.] Every afternoon for the remainder of the week beginning tomorrow a demonstration on live birds of the operation for castrating will be given in the council chamber, upstairs in the city hall. This demonstration will be for the purpose of educating the poultry raisers of the state in the process that makes roosters bring from 30 to 40 cents a pound on the market. Mr. Beuoy, who is an expert in raising capons, will give a lecture with each operation. The demonstration will be one of the features of the convention which is the largest ever held in the state and is free.

They Have No Feathers. George W. Unruh, of Chanute, Kan., is showing a flock of prize winning White English Leghorns which he brought from the Panama-Pacific exposition. Two Silkies, birds raised in the West Indies, that have no feathers, are being exhibited by Dr. Wood Tibbets and son, of Richardson, Kan.

Besides the well known variety of fowls there are two mammoth Narragansett turkeys and three bronze turkeys cooped. A tier of rabbit coops also adds variety to the show.

The program of the convention which was announced for today was postponed on account of the absence of Secretary L. H. Wibbe, of Chanute, who was called to Emporia to attend the funeral of his wife's brother. The program will be merged with that scheduled for tomorrow.

Judging Beans Today.

The judging of the birds took up most of the time today. Six judges, E. C. Branch, C. D. McCluskey, A. T. Modlin, W. T. Bowers, R. P. Kram, and E. W. Cook, were kept busy looking over the 1,050 birds that are in coops.

Tomorrow will be Kansas day and the program for the convention will be opened at 10:30 o'clock with an address by Governor Arthur Capper.

McChord Stays on Board.

Washington, Dec. 15.—C. C. McChord, who served as a member of the Interstate commerce commission expires this week, will be reappointed by President Wilson. Mr. McChord at present is chairman of the commission.



GIFTS

"When thou makest presents, let them be of such things as will last long; to the end they may be in some sort immortal, and may frequently refresh the memory of the receiver," writes Fuller.

This sentiment truly reflects the wisdom of giving useful and permanent gifts at Christmas time, or at any other time. It would be well, indeed, if this policy were more generally followed. If the garbage and second-hand men were to tell all they knew, we betide these givers of useless gifts. And, more over, we might add that while most people have a particular preference for the quarter in which they live, or society in which they move, yet, since it is the motive back of the gift which counts, if one should cast some unexpected cher-into homes outside of his particular circle—into homes that otherwise wouldn't know Christmas at all—he should do so.

Semi-Annual Sale of Silk Remnants

There are thousands of pieces—enough to fill five large tables—the choicest kinds of silks. These are not scraps; they come in lengths suitable for almost all purposes. Suitable for children's dresses, women's waists, kimonos, skirt and dress lengths. Kindly bear in mind that this is not a job lot of silks that has been purchased for this special occasion. They are the ends of pieces from our own regular stocks. Dependable qualities!

Nearly every fashionable weave is represented, and as there will be no more duplicates we advise early selections. One table is devoted exclusively to black silks. All are priced at half.

Comfy Slippers and Juliets for Gifts

(Shoe Dept.) Dainty Comfortable Slippers that will please mother, daughter and sister. A nice variety of colors to choose from. Comfy Slippers ribbon trimmer or plain, pair \$1.00 and \$1.50. Juliets, fur trimmed, a pair \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00. Men's House Slippers—black or tan leathers, priced pair \$1.50 and \$1.75



A Gift That Will Make Every Day of the Year Merry

(Third Floor) Small Rugs, priced each, \$1.25 to \$7.50. Royal Turkish Rugs, 3x5 ft. each, \$13.50. 4x6 ft. size, each, \$22.50. Persian Silk Rugs, 27x54 inches each, \$10.00. 4x6 ft. size, each, \$25.00. "Torrington" Vacuum Sweepers, each, \$7.00. "Bee" Electric Vacuum Sweepers, each, \$20.00.

Nothing More Appropriate Than Gift Linens

Every woman takes pride in her Linens as she does in her home. You could not select anything that would please her more. Our linen section is brimful of new and attractive linens, reasonably priced. Pattern Cloths, with napkins to match—Luncheon Cloths, Luncheon Sets, Linen Towels, Fancy Linens in Scarfs, Squares and Doilies, Napkins, Linen Damask for the yard and fancy Turkish Towels.

Kansas People Rely on Our Service

The following is an extract from the letter a Chautau, Kansas, lady wrote us:

"The pretty white handkerchiefs from you at this season have become almost a holiday habit, because of the better than almost any place else. This year it is not possible for me to be in Topeka, so I am ordering by mail."

Women's Handkerchiefs at 25c

A Splendid Christmas Showing

More words are inadequate to express the beauty and quality of these handkerchiefs.

They came from five different countries and the work is both hand and machine in white and colors on crepe de chine, linen and fine mercerized cotton. The latter is especially new for handkerchiefs this season.

There are five styles of initials, including a new punch work letter done in white.

The French handkerchiefs with extremely narrow hem and initial to match colored hem are especially good. There are handkerchiefs with initial in ombre (color). Very wide hemmed kerchiefs with long initial worked in hem—all white. Some with quarter-inch very fine hemstitched hem and dainty script initial.

While there are thousands of handkerchiefs at various prices all through the department, these at 25c are the best at the price we have ever seen or shown.

Bought singly they are 25c each. In lots of a dozen they are \$2.75 for the twelve—and you can make up any kind of an assortment you desire.

With purchases of two or more handkerchiefs we give a pretty Christmas folder.

Boudoir Caps at 50c

A gift any woman will appreciate. Many charming designs in popular, delicate shades of pink, blue, maize, lavender, violet, rose color and plain white. Each in attractive box.

Hand Tinted Kerchief Folders Very pretty novelties in square and oblong shapes. Each is delicately perfumed with sachet powder and they fasten with wee ribbon bows or plain snap-clasps. Priced at 10c, 15c and 25c.